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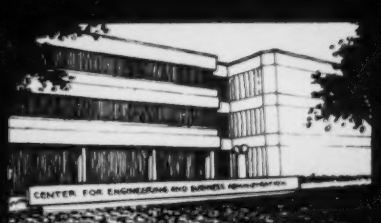

Economic Review And Outlook

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United States

The U.S. economy is poised for a moderate growth, following a lackluster performance in 1985. Revised estimates indicate that the real Gross National Product (GNP) increased at an annual rate of only 1.2 percent in the final quarter of 1985 and the growth for the full year was 2.3 percent. Most, economists expect the U.S. economy to grow in the 3 to 3.5 percent range in 1986.

The Federal Reserve Board's Index of Industrial Production increased 0.3 percent in January following a 0.7 percent gain in December. Industrial production was 2.5 percent above the level of a year ago, reflecting a moderate improvement of this sector during the past few months. The gain in industrial production is likely to continue although foreign imports might restrain output during the first half of the year.

Seasonally adjusted retail sales grew a slim 0.1 percent in January following a revised 1.7 percent gain in December. The small gain in January was primarily due to a 0.9 percent increase in auto sales. Retail sales should increase moderately since personal income is expected to grow in the near future. Total housing starts jumped 15.7 percent in January to their highest level in nearly two years. Although this fast pace might not continue, construction activities should be sustained moderately in 1986.

For almost 50 years, the Louisiana Business Reviewhas provided timely and useful information about business and economic conditions in the state. During this time, it has experienced several changes in format. In 1981, the LBR was divided into two publications: a monthly called Louisiana Economic Indicators(LEI), which contained data and economic analyses, and a quarterly which retained the name Louisiana Business Review.Although the quarterly LBR received a favorable response from its readers, it did not prove cost effective and publication of it ceased in Fall 1984. The LEI continued as a monthly through 1985. However, in light of the LBR's long tradition of service to the state, we decided to rename the LEI the Louisiana Business Review. This is the first issue with the new name and improved format. We think you will find it in keeping with the LBR's history of providing the most thorough information about Louisiana's economy. We welcome any comments and suggestionsyou have about our new format.

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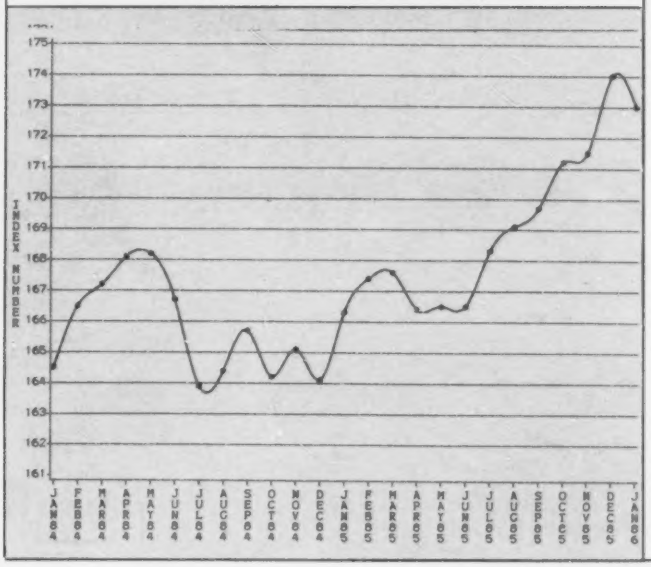
Index of 12 Leading Indicators

United States (1967=100)



The U.S. civilian unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 6.7 percent in January compared with 6.9 percent in December. Total civilian employment increased 0.7 percent in January. Employment gains were broad based and included the retail trade, service, construction, and manufacturing sectors. Employment is expected to grow moderately throughout most of 1986.

The U.S. Leading Economic Indicator dropped 0.6 percent in January, registering the first decline in nine months. Most economists are not concerned by this drop since other indicators such as the drop in the price of oil suggest that the national economy should continue to grow during the next six to nine months.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 0.3 percent in January but the Producer Price Index (PPI) dropped 0.7 percent. This suggests inflation will be moderate in 1986. Interest rates are projected to be stable or decline moderately until the middle of 1986, which should stimulate the interest-sensitive sectors of the economy, such as construction and sales of consumer durables purchased on credit.

United States and Louisiana

United States	Sep 85	Oct 85	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86	Forecasts Feb 86	Forecasts Mar 86
• Employment & Unemployment •							
Employment Statistics (Mil)							
Civilian Labor Force	115.8	116.1	116.1	116.2	116.8	*116.7*	*116.8*
Employed	107.5	107.8	108.0	108.2	109.0	*109.2*	*109.4*
Unemployed	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.0	7.8	*7.6*	*7.3*
Unemployment Rate	7.1	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.7	*6.5*	*6.3*
• Price Indexes •							
Producer Price Indexes							
Finished Goods	290.2	294.8	296.7	297.2	296.2	*297.6*	*298.8*
Finished Consumer Goods	288.5	292.4	294.7	295.4	294.1	*295.4*	*296.6*
Consumer Price Indexes							
All Items	324.5	325.5	326.6	327.4	328.4	*331.0*	*333.6*
Food & Beverages	302.1	302.5	303.6	305.6	307.9	*309.2*	*310.5*
Housing	353.8	354.4	355.0	355.8	356.8	*359.2*	*361.6*
Transportation	319.7	320.9	323.2	324.0	323.9	*326.3*	*328.5*
Medical Care	408.3	410.5	413.0	414.7	418.2	*421.7*	*425.3*
• Production Indexes •							
Industrial Production Indexes							
Total Index	125.1	124.4	125.4	126.3	126.7	*126.8*	*126.8*
Durable Consumer Goods	112.9	111.4	115.5	116.8	119.4	*118.7*	*118.1*
Nondurable Consumer Goods	125.1	124.3	125.5	126.9	127.4	*127.4*	*127.5*
Business Equipment	142.2	139.6	141.7	142.2	143.0	*143.4*	*143.0*
Defense & Space Equipment	177.5	178.7	180.7	180.7	180.4	*180.8*	*181.3*
Construction Supplies	121.3	120.0	121.0	121.1	122.2	*121.7*	*121.5*
Business Supplies	141.7	141.2	142.8	143.6	na	*146.2*	*147.2*
Durable Goods Materials	120.2	120.4	121.5	122.3	122.7	*125.0*	*127.2*
Nondurable Goods Materials	114.7	113.4	112.7	113.6	113.8	*114.7*	*115.4*
Energy Materials	103.4	104.2	102.9	104.3	103.8	*106.3*	*108.1*
• Finance & Business Activity •							
Finance ($ Bil)							
Credit Union Deposits	65.5	64.8	65.1	65.3	na	*67.6*	*68.7*
Saving & Loans Deposits	737.7	744.1	744.5	745.6	na	*761.2*	*768.2*
Commercial Bank Deposits	1,532.9	1,522.1	1,523.0	1,540.6	na	*1,582.7*	*1,601.2*
Business Activity							
Total Retail Trade Sales	114,171	116,144	118,556	139,404	na	*107,424*	*119,915*
Index of 12 Leading indicators	169.7	171.2	171.5	174.0	173.0	*174.0*	*174.7*

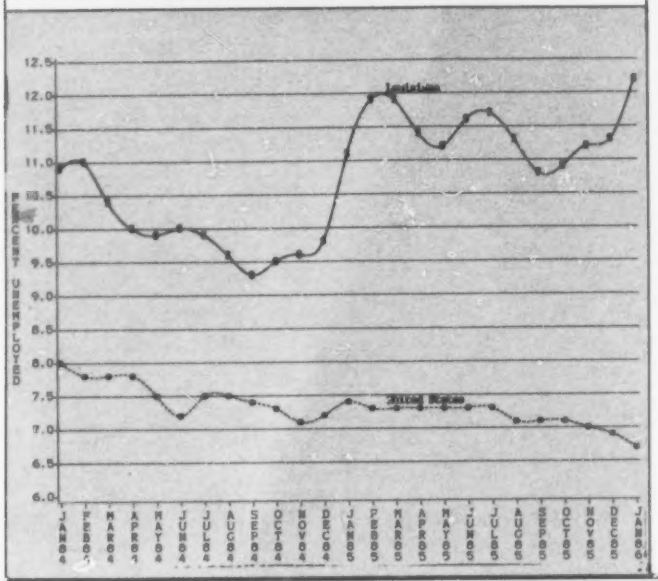
Louisiana	Sep 85	Oct 85	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86	Forecasts Feb 86	Forecasts Mar 86
• Oil & Gas Activity •							
Fuel Consumption (Gals)							
Gasoline	191,387,396	110,326,520	132,979,327	221,697,102	na	*172,459,353*	*172,405,833*
Highway Diesel	31,573,689	15,609,712	24,916,931	36,914,413	na	*36,962,119*	*37,396,477*
Total Fuel Consumption	246,444,648	138,876,076	174,285,420	271,094,697	na	*281,834,941*	*285,267,990*
Crude Oil Refined (Bbl Daily Avg)							
Total	1,694,542	1,792,482	1,867,273	1,966,561	na	*1,747,443*	*1,733,830*
Crude Oil Unloaded (Bbl)							
LOOP Total	12,758,296	13,440,298	20,767,788	17,233,921	na	*15,775,491*	*15,749,524*
Drilling Rigs							
Permits Issued	490	498	298	434	313	*344*	*478*
Wildcats Issued	56	55	34	40	26	*37*	*47*
Offshore Rigs	17	22	16	14	16	*15*	*15*
Active Rigs	219	199	208	227	183	*188*	*193*
Gas Activity Report (mcf)							
Field Intake	49,629,457	49,406,651	53,898,477	na	na	*48,378,505*	*47,870,093*
Pipeline & Other Intake	47,247,469	46,626,368	50,420,730	na	na	*50,020,711*	*49,803,723*
Sales to Pipelines	78,496,509	76,485,473	84,031,299	na	na	*80,025,402*	*79,119,248*

Louisiana

Louisiana	Sep 85	Oct 85	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86	Forecasts Feb 86	Forecasts Mar 86
• Employment & Unemployment •							
Employment Statistics							
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	2,019.0	2,025.8	1,985.1	1,963.0	1,939.5	*1,956.6*	*1,967.4*
Total Employed (000)	1,800.4	1,804.4	1,763.2	1,740.2	1,702.2	*1,702.7*	*1,721.6*
Non-Agricultural Employment (000)							
Non-Agricultural	1,593.6	1,598.7	1,594.5	1,600.4	1,569.9	*1,574.3*	*1,579.7*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	381.4	384.3	387.6	397.3	383.9	*382.8*	*384.8*
Government	325.9	329.2	328.2	327.5	325.3	*326.0*	*326.6*
Services	319.1	319.2	317.3	320.9	319.3	*322.8*	*324.2*
Manufacturing	175.6	174.6	172.9	173.5	170.3	*169.5*	*168.9*
Transportation & Public Utilities	114.3	114.8	113.8	114.5	112.1	*113.0*	*113.1*
Construction	114.0	114.7	112.9	100.3	94.9	*97.7*	*99.3*
Finance, Insurance, And Real Estate	84.3	84.2	84.4	85.9	85.4	*85.9*	*86.1*
Mining	79.0	77.7	77.4	80.5	78.7	*78.8*	*78.8*
Wage Statistics							
Average Weekly Mfg Hours	41.6	41.6	42.3	42.7	41.5	*40.9*	*41.3*
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	434.30	436.80	441.19	448.35	432.85	*449.37*	*450.56*
Unemployment Statistics							
Total Unemployed (000)	218.6	221.4	221.9	222.8	237.3	*253.9*	*245.8*
Unemployment Rate	10.8	10.9	11.2	11.3	12.2	*13.0*	*12.5*
Unemployment Benefits (000 Weeks)	242	263	239	280	335	*308*	*343*
Unemployment Benefits ($ Mil)	35.5	38.6	34.7	40.7	48.2	*44.8*	*51.2*
New Claims (000)	27.7	31.8	39.3	32.6	42.7	*40.5*	*35.2*
Exhaustions (000)	6.6	6.8	6.0	7.1	8.6	*7.9*	*8.8*
• General Business Activity •							
Revenue Collections							
Alcoholic Beverages	4,374,700	4,789,010	2,037,634	3,073,956	5,861,989	*4,305,989*	*4,464,464*
Corporation Franchise Tax	11,182,147	8,204,384	15,623,227	14,018,041	4,573,166	*5,603,602*	*9,553,304*
Corporation Income Tax	41,202,333	12,403,607	14,529,780	23,425,518	29,019,279	*4,303,314*	*16,505,460*
Individual Income Tax	42,653,241	62,204,218	37,454,518	41,238,422	70,419,216	*31,905,033*	*31,822,993*
General Severance Tax	68,282,562	57,299,614	50,445,584	63,914,127	58,685,014	*68,857,121*	*70,731,544*
Gasoline Tax	21,169,493	25,777,546	16,057,834	19,702,754	32,060,580	*22,928,733*	*23,564,679*
Special Fuels	3,688,843	5,146,974	2,549,793	4,103,882	6,055,353	*3,195,735*	*3,730,389*
General Sales Tax	83,858,300	85,771,390	81,232,373	81,681,012	106,311,166	*85,098,248*	*85,831,051*
Tobacco	7,122,631	7,715,681	6,314,730	6,666,208	7,758,766	*6,754,232*	*6,844,100*
Motor Vehicle Tax	14,583,504	12,992,807	9,508,289	9,751,145	12,531,746	*10,179,866*	*12,546,763*
Royalties, Rentals, and Bonuses	39,685,055	32,087,183	31,873,251	33,007,090	35,689,824	*37,890,181*	*37,757,826*
Other Taxes	8,803,426	7,399,860	14,231,154	8,837,536	10,400,211	*13,097,179*	*9,898,021*
Total Sales Tax	346,606,235	321,792,274	281,858,167	309,419,690	379,366,310	*306,026,314*	*312,124,226*
Corporation Filings							
Domestic Charters	808	989	678	774	1,136	*961*	*910*
Dissolutions	214	182	119	176	195	*178*	*219*
Retail Trade							
Total Retail Sales	1,711	1,673	1,866	2,173	na	*1,660*	*1,919*
Total Department Sales	157	176	220	337	na	*164*	*207*
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)							
Residential	133	103	76	81	na	*122*	*146*
Non-Residential	161	114	100	93	na	*128*	*129*
Non-Building	70	98	175	95	na	*92*	*92*
Number of Building Permits							
Residential Building	1,221	1,082	877	1,171	na	*1,087*	*1,049*
Commercial & Industrial	1,163	1,249	741	781	na	*1,037*	*984*
Value of Building Permits							
Residential Building	53,879,296	51,823,062	42,260,786	46,328,888	na	*44,257,072*	*48,739,442*
Commercial & Industrial	105,460,082	115,028,343	39,642,415	63,143,674	na	*86,343,808*	*85,537,634*
New Car/Truck Sales							
Total New Cars	17,240	12,866	9,785	9,793	14,043	*12,785*	*12,796*
Total New Trucks	7,127	6,422	5,326	5,087	7,152	*7,222*	*7,272*

Unemployment Rate

Louisiana State/United States



Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment dropped by 30,500 in January, and it was 15,900 below the level of January 1985. The decline in employment was widespread and affected every major sector of the economy. Mining employment declined due to cutbacks in drilling in oil and gas. Construction employment declined due to decreases in general building construction and heavy construction. The employment in manufacturing declined due to cutbacks in fabricated metals production, machineries, food and kindred products, and chemical and allied products. Transportation employment was lower due to declines in trucking, warehousing, and water transportation. The end of the holiday season caused employment declines in wholesale and retail trade. Declines in hotel business and educational services were primarily responsible for declines in the service sector. Government employment declined due to cutback in the educational sector.

The Louisiana Economic Indicator (LEI) declined 0.8 percent in January, primarily due to a drop in the index for construction. The mining index also declined moderately.

Unemployment Rate

Month	Louisiana			United States		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
Jan	10.9	**11.1**	12.2	8.0	**7.4**	6.7
Feb	11.0	**11.9**	na	7.8	**7.3**	na
Mar	10.4	**11.9**		7.8	**7.3**	
Apr	10.0	**11.4**		7.8	**7.3**	
May	9.9	**11.2**		7.5	**7.3**	
Jun	10.0	**11.6**		7.2	**7.3**	
Jul	9.9	**11.7**		7.5	**7.3**	
Aug	9.6	**11.3**		7.5	**7.1**	
Sep	9.3	**10.8**		7.4	**7.1**	
Oct	9.5	**10.9**		7.3	**7.1**	
Nov	9.6	**11.2**		7.1	**7.0**	
Dec	9.8	**11.3**		7.2	**6.9**	

Leading Indicators

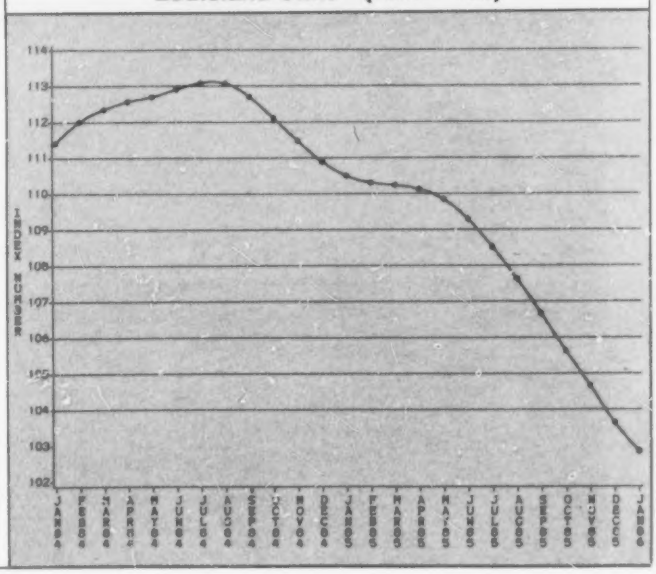
	Louisiana **1976 = 100**			United States **1967 = 100**		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
	111.40	**110.50**	102.84	164.5	**166.3**	173.0
	112.00	**110.30**	na	166.5	**167.4**	na
	112.34	**110.23**		167.2	**167.6**	
	112.56	**110.12**		168.1	**166.4**	
	112.69	**109.84**		168.2	**166.5**	
	112.90	**109.29**		166.7	**166.5**	
	113.08	**108.51**		163.9	**168.3**	
	113.07	**107.63**		164.4	**169.1**	
	112.70	**106.65**		165.7	**169.7**	
	112.10	**105.62**		164.2	**171.2**	
	111.47	**104.66**		165.1	**171.3**	
	110.89	**103.63**		164.1	**174.0**	

Louisiana

The Louisiana economy declined slightly in January. The seasonally adjusted total employment dropped 0.05 percent since December and it was 1.0 percent below the January 1985 level. The unemployment rate, which is also seasonally adjusted, was 11.7 percent, compared to a 11.9 percent rate in December. Louisiana continued to have the second highest unemployment rate (11.5 percent unadjusted), among all the states of the nation in December. Only West Virginia with a 12,4 percent unemployment rate was ranked higher. Among the neighboring states, Texas with a 6.3 percent unemployment rate, Arkansas with a 9.4 percent unemployment rate, and Mississippi with a 10.0 percent unemployment rate were ranked 30, 6, and 5 respectively. Alabama and Tennessee were ranked 13 and 19 in order of unemployment. This means that the relative unemployment situation in Texas had improved in December while the situation had worsened in Alabama and Tennesee.

Leading Economic Indicator

Louisiana State (1976 = 100)



Louisiana's Metropolitan Areas

	New Orleans		Forecasts		Baton Rouge		Forecasts	
	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86	Mar 86	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86	Mar 86
• Employment & Unemployment •								
Employment & Wage Statistics								
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	597.6	589.2	*595.6*	*597.1*	256.8	254.0	*257.2*	*259.5*
Total Employed (000)	537	528	*535*	*536*	230	225	*227*	*229*
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	444.14	433.89	*438.95*	*443.04*	510.62	555.52	*546.50*	*548.56*
Average Weekly Mfg Hours	41.9	41.6	*41.0*	*40.6*	43.2	41.8	*42.2*	*42.6*
Unemployment Statistics								
Total Unemployed (000)	60.9	61.1	*60.5*	*61.2*	27.2	29.1	*29.8*	*30.0*
Unemployment Rate	10.2	10.4	*10.2*	*10.3*	10.6	11.5	*11.6*	*11.6*
• General Business Activity •								
Revenue Collections								
Retail Sales Tax-State	21,665,972	25,836,751	*22,972,204*	*21,717,003*	8,141,552	10,638,568	*8,557,394*	*8,924,253*
Severance Tax	5,402,321	na	*5,650,539*	*5,518,536*	4,384,023	na	*3,577,765*	*3,369,275*
Minimum Royalty	2,766,704	2,906,452	*3,524,591*	*3,954,470*	502,550	408,119	*591,431*	*607,851*
Retail Trade								
Department Store Sales ($ 000)	99,674	na	*68,226*	*69,401*	52,516	na	*27,779*	*32,134*
Number of Department Stores	44	na	*44*	*44*	23	na	*23*	*23*
Airport Activity								
Passengers	508,772	na	*566,110*	*613,479*	31,183	30,306	*29,927*	*32,709*
Cargo (Tons)	3,824	na	*4,063*	*4,196*	147	311	*254*	*229*
Port Activity								
Port Total (000 Tons)	1,333	na	*1,450*	*1,472*	791	547	*411*	*361*
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)								
Residential	20.7	na	*34.3*	*35.6*	10.2	na	*21.6*	*21.3*
Non-Residential	40.6	na	*51.2*	*51.8*	7.1	na	*29.2*	*30.5*
Number of Building Permits								
Residential Building	469	na	*372*	*358*	84	na	*151*	*143*
Commercial & Industrial	279	na	*305*	*323*	111	na	*183*	*184*
Value of Building Permits								
Residential Building	15,772,857	na	*16,751,117*	*13,286,198*	5,719,420	na	*8,275,206*	*8,384,025*
Commercial & Industrial	24,010,161	na	*37,529,315*	*37,277,226*	11,058,220	na	*18,188,440*	*18,120,710*
New Car/Truck Sales								
Total New Cars	3,175	4,382	*4,069*	*4,086*	1,401	1,800	*1,778*	*1,595*
Total New Trucks	1,253	1,606	*1,639*	*1,659*	688	1,014	*1,033*	*1,038*

	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86
• Gas Activity •				
Gas Activity Report (MCF)				
Field Intake	6,525,987	na	*4,676,054*	*4,672,386*
Pipeline & Other Intake	14,854,424	na	*14,525,765*	*14,381,132*
Sales to Pipelines	17,893,458	na	*16,587,830*	*16,202,874*

Leading Indicators

Month	New Orleans			Baton Rouge			Shreveport		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
Jan	105.02	**98.21**	97.02	102.93	**98.11**	98.52	109.74	**103.83**	93.30
Feb	105.36	**98.05**	na	103.43	**98.02**	na	110.08	**103.11**	na
Mar	105.43	**97.99**		103.57	**98.08**		109.64	**102.64**	
Apr	105.15	**98.05**		103.25	**98.41**		108.48	**102.07**	
May	104.49	**98.15**		102.47	**98.94**		106.79	**101.97**	
Jun	103.61	**98.24**		101.44	**99.47**		105.21	**102.04**	
Jul	102.58	**98.30**		100.46	**99.81**		104.02	**102.03**	
Aug	101.48	**98.29**		99.65	**99.86**		103.49	**101.59**	
Sep	100.38	**98.20**		99.04	**99.70**		103.49	**100.56**	
Oct	99.50	**98.04**		98.62	**99.42**		103.79	**99.03**	
Nov	98.87	**97.82**		98.41	**99.13**		104.17	**98.50**	
Dec	98.47	**97.44**		98.25	**98.81**		104.20	**95.01**	

Table 1

Data on Louisiana Metropolitan Areas

State/Metro Areas	Unemployment Rate 01/86 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate 12/85 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate 01/85 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Ranking by Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Among 51 States and 245 Metro Areas 12/85*	% Change in Number of Persons Employed 01/85-01/86
Louisiana	12.2%	11.7%	11.3%	11.9%	11.1%	10.7%	2**	-1.0%
New Orleans	10.4%	10.5%	10.2%	10.7%	10.4%	10.5%	22	-1.7%
Baton Rouge	11.5%	11.3%	10.6%	10.9%	9.4%	9.3%	27	-2.5%
Houma/Thibodaux	12.4%	na	10.8%	na	11.6%	na	24	-3.6%
Lafayette	9.5%	9.4%	8.9%	9.5%	8.5%	8.4%	40	2.4%
Lake Charles	14.1%	13.5%	12.9%	13.8%	15.9%	15.3%	6	-1.7%
Alexandria	10.4%	10.4%	9.7%	9.8%	10.1%	10.1%	36	0.2%
Shreveport	12.1%	11.3%	11.6%	11.3%	8.3%	7.5%	13	-3.7%
Monroe	11.0%	10.3%	9.8%	10.1%	9.6%	9.0%	29	0.7%

*Ranked from highest unemployment rate to lowest unemployment rate The metropolitan area with the highest unemployment rate is ranked number 1 and the area with the lowest unemployment rate is ranked number 245

**Louisiana 's rank among the 50 states and the District of Columbia

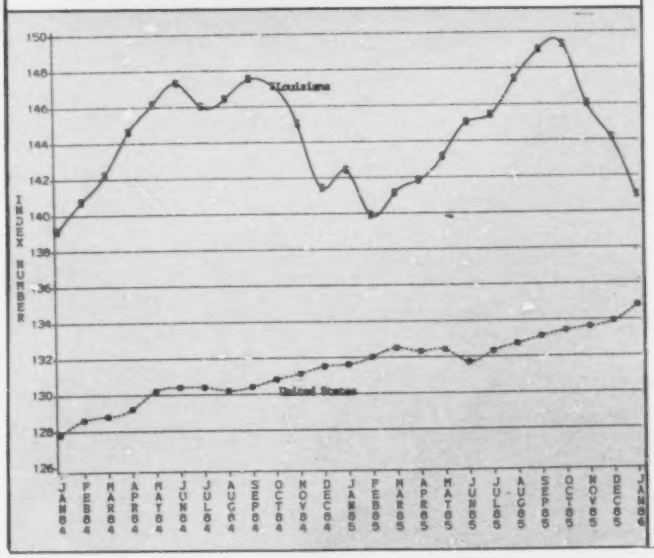
On the other hand, the index for manufacturing increased slightly in December, continuing the trend of the past five months. The overall outlook suggests that the Louisiana economy will be stymied until the final quarter of 1986.

General state sales tax collections reported in January were 30.1 percent higher than in December, but 4 percent less than in January 1985. New car and truck sales increased sharply in January, stimulated by the financing subsidies provided by the automakers.

The value of construction contracts dropped in December due to a sharp drop in non-building construction. Residential building construction, however, experienced a slight increase in December. The general outlook suggests that some of the key sectors of the Louisiana economy, such as mining, construction, and manufacturing, face uncertainties in the coming months. Other sectors such as retail trade and services should be more stable.

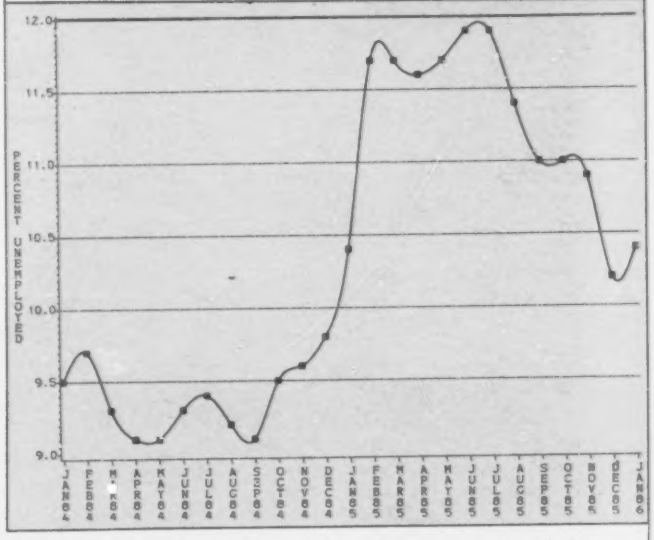
Total Employment Indices

Louisiana State/United States (1970=100)



Unemployment Rate

New Orleans



New Orleans

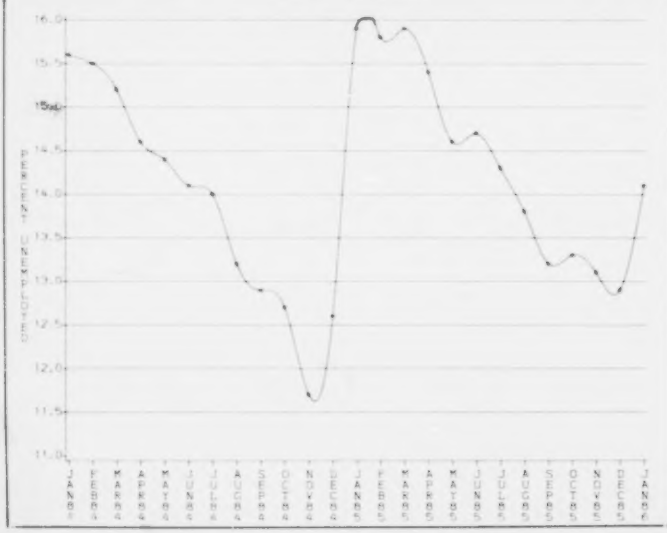
The New Orleans economy declined in January. The seasonally adjusted total employment dropped 0.9 percent in the current month, and it was 1.7 percent below the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 10.5 percent, compared with 10.7 percent in December. Only 21 metropolitan areas out of a total of 245 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than New Orleans in December (Table 1, Column 8). This represents a decline

Louisiana's Metropolitan Areas

	Lake Charles				Lafayette			
			Forecasts				Forecasts	
	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86	Mar 86	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86	Mar 86
• Employment & Unemployment •								
Employment & Wage Statistics								
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	73.4	72.6	*73.4*	*74.1*	109.4	110.2	*112.2*	*114.0*
Total Employed (000)	63.9	62.4	*62.5*	*62.6*	99.7	99.7	*101.4*	*103.0*
Unemployment Statistics								
Total Unemployed (000)	9.5	10.2	*10.9*	*11.5*	9.7	10.5	*10.8*	*11.0*
Unemployment Rate	12.9	14.1	*14.9*	*15.5*	8.9	9.5	*9.6*	*9.7*
• General Business Activity •								
Revenue Collections								
Retail Sales Tax-State	2,676,908	2,832,676	*2,498,146*	*2,572,390*	4,180,302	4,589,782	*4,093,792*	*4,117,010*
Severance Tax	1,721,837	na	*1,557,296*	*1,374,197*	1,049,043	na	*708,064*	*744,072*
Minumum Royalty	15,840	17,020	*21,332*	*20,262*	8,739	7,892	*7,474*	*7,505*
Airport Activity								
Passengers	2,700	2,800	*2,840*	*2,980*	21,078	na	*22,814*	*24,145*
Cargo	8,550	8,500	*10,400*	*10,699*	37,438	46,409	*37,596*	*34,403*
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)								
Residential	1.7	na	*2.0*	*2.1*	3.1	na	*5.6*	*6.1*
Non-Residential	6.6	na	*2.0*	*2.0*	3.1	na	*3.7*	*3.7*
Number of Building Permits								
Residential Building	33	na	*21*	*21*	130	na	*72*	*51*
Commercial & Industrial	53	na	*62*	*62*	163	na	*186*	*187*
Value of Building Permits								
Residential Building	1,940,069	na	*1,202,830*	*1,170,982*	6,045,651	na	*4,298,298*	*3,378,390*
Commercial & Industrial	1,781,524	na	*1,674,421*	*1,112,591*	8,496,225	na	*6,704,996*	*6,671,675*
New Car/Trucks Sales								
Total New Cars	414	592	*537*	*591*	598	716	*735*	*739*
Total New Trucks	277	356	*397*	*402*	278	443	*430*	*437*
Port Activity (000 Tons)								
Port Total	2,345.8	2,341.2	*2,905.6*	*2,824.9*				
	Nov 85	*Dec 85*	*Jan 86*	*Feb 86*	*Nov 85*	*Dec 85*	*Jan 86*	*Feb 86*
• Gas Activity •								
Gas Activity Report (MCF)								
Field Intake	2,779,571	na	*2,672,250*	*2,601,217*	23,720,335	na	*21,824,773*	*21,578,074*
Pipeline & Other Intake	6,799,076	na	*7,324,696*	*7,529,976*	17,075,567	na	*15,271,970*	*15,078,497*
Sales to Pipelines	4,386,108	na	*4,648,851*	*4,698,844*	35,157,439	na	*31,311,343*	*32,079,372*

Unemployment Rate

Lake Charles



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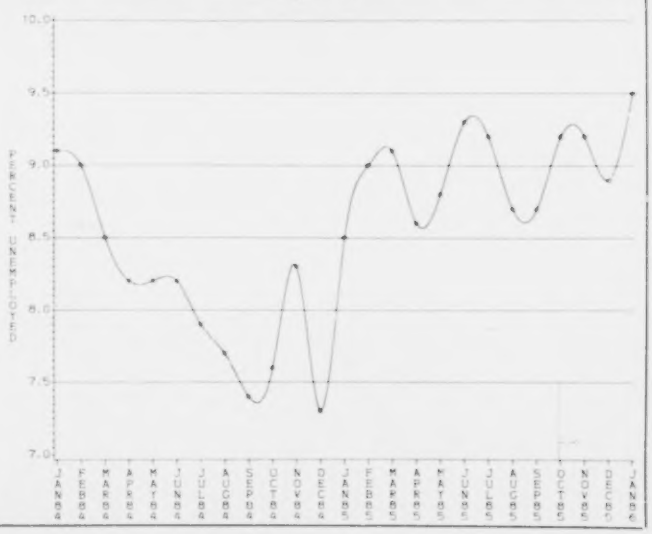


in the relative unemployment rate since November. Total nonagricultural employment dropped 5,300 in January and was 5,900 below the level of a year ago. All the sectors of the economy except government had declining employment in January.

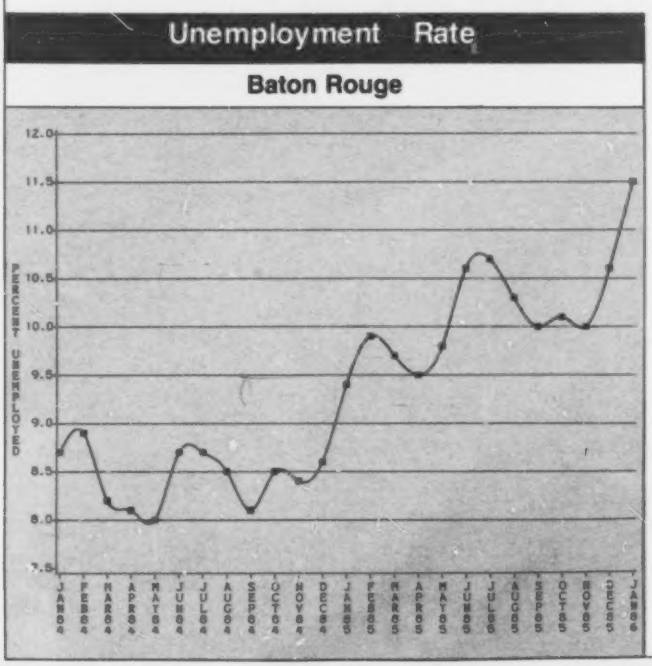
The New Orleans Leading Indicator decreased 0.4 percent in December, primarily due to a decline in the construction index. This suggests that the metropolitan economy will be sluggish during the next several months.

Retail sales taxes reported in December increased 2.4 percent since the prior month but they were 1.2 percent below the level of December 1984. Other indicators of the metropolitan economy, such as construction, increased but airport activities and the cargo handled at the port declined. This indicates certain sectors of the economy are improving, although the recent trend in employment suggests that the metropolitan economy is faltering.

Baton Rouge

The Baton Rouge economy declined in January. The seasonally adjusted total employment decreased 0.3 percent since the previous month and was 2.5 percent below the level of January 1985. The unemployment rate, also seasonally adjusted, was 11.3 percent, compared with 10.9 percent in December. Only 26 metropolitan areas out of 245 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than Baton Rouge in December (Table 1, Column 8). Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 2,300 workers since December. The declines in employment were mainly in the construction, retail trade, and government sectors. Employment decreased by 2,700 since January 1985.

The Baton Rouge Leading Indicator dropped 0.3 percent in January following declines of the past few months.



This suggests that the metropolitan economy will be facing uncertainties during the next several months.

Retail sales taxes reported in December dropped 9.1 percent compared to November, and they were 12.9 percent lower than in December 1985. Other indicators of the metropolitan economy, such as the value of construction contracts, dropped, but the cargo handled at the port increased in December. This indicates that some of the key sectors of the metropolitan economy are faltering. The recent trend in the leading indicator also suggests an uncertain outlook for local economy in the coming months.

Lake Charles

The Lake Charles economy declined in January. The seasonally adjusted total employment decreased 0.5 percent since December and it was 1.7 percent below the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 13.5 percent, compared with 13.8 percent in December. Lake Charles still has the sixth highest unemployment rate among the 245 metropolitan areas of the United States (Table 1, Column 8).

Total nonagricultural employment declined by 200 workers since December. The decline in employment was primarily in the mining, and transportation, and services sectors, which exceeded gains in government and retail trade. Employment dropped by 200 during the past twelve months.

Retail sales taxes reported in December increased 8.1 percent, and they were 3.9 percent above the taxes of December 1984. The value of construction contracts increased significantly in December. Other indicators of the local economy, such as port activities, decreased. The outlook suggests that the economy of Lake Charles will be stagnant during the next several months, although certain sectors such as trade and services should improve moderately.

Lafayette

The Lafayette economy improved in January. The seasonally adjusted total employment increased 0.4 percent in the current month, and it was 2.4 percent above the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.4 percent, compared with 9.5 percent in December. Only 39 metropolitan areas out of 245 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than Lafayette in December (Table 1, Column 8). Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 800 workers in January. All the sectors of the economy except mining and government experienced declines or were unchanged. Employment increased by 1,400 compared with January 1985.

Retail sales taxes reported in December increased 5.1 percent since November, but they were 2.6 percent below the level of a year ago. The value of construction contracts, which is another indicator of the local economy, increased in December. The Lafayette economy depends to a large

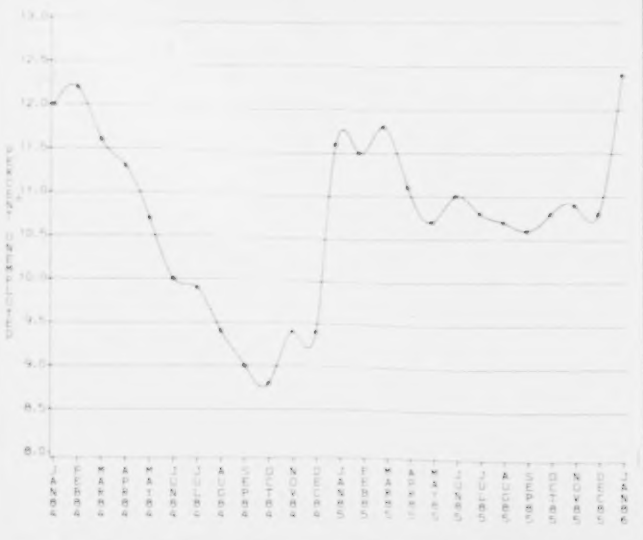
Louisiana's Metropolitan Areas

	Houma				Alexandria			
			Forecasts				Forecasts	
	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86	Mar 86	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86	Mar 86
• Employment & Unemployment •								
Employment & Wage Statistics								
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	78.4	76.5	*74.8*	*73.3*	58.1	57.5	*57.9*	*58.1*
Total Employed (000)	69.9	67.0	*66.6*	*64.5*	52.4	51.5	*52.1*	*52.6*
Unemployment Statistics								
Total Unemployed (000)	8.5	9.5	*8.2*	*8.8*	5.7	6.0	*5.7*	*5.5*
Unemployment Rate	10.8	12.4	*10.9*	*12.0*	9.7	10.4	*9.9*	*9.5*
• General Business Activity •								
Revenue Collections								
Retail Sales Tax-State	1,884,645	2,238,095	*1,741,928*	*1,795,680*	1,603,617	1,838,932	*1,628,318*	*1,571,993*
Severance Tax	7,964,556	na	*8,352,563*	*8,102,731*	199,388	na	*184,467*	*197,342*
Minimum Royalty	4,029,232	3,857,741	*4,644,032*	*4,650,344*	77	129	*139*	*153*
Airport Activity								
Passengers					5,972	5,835	*6,017*	*6,181*
Cargo					4,127	4,589	*4,960*	*5,338*
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)								
Residential	3.9	na	*na*	*na*	4.4	na	*4.3*	*4.3*
Non-Residential	0.5	na	*na*	*na*	1.7	na	*3.9*	*4.0*
Number of Building Permits								
Residential Building	49	na	*34*	*32*	100	na	*24*	*24*
Commercial & Industrial	14	na	*17*	*17*	14	na	*20*	*20*
Value of Building Permits								
Residential Building	2,300,080	na	*1,842,924*	*1,758,638*	4,772,056	na	*1,302,577*	*1,309,290*
Commercial & Industrial	577,700	na	*568,735*	*540,271*	686,211	na	*2,632,040*	*2,887,147*
New Car/Truck Sales								
Total New Cars	491	574	*477*	*478*	304	378	*378*	*378*
Total New Trucks	294	376	*315*	*317*	180	244	*234*	*234*

	Nov 85	*Dec 85*	*Jan 86*	*Feb 86*
• Gas Activity •				
Gas Activity Report (MCF)				
Field Intake	7,432,721	na	*7,470,085*	*7,636,410*
Pipeline & Other Intake	10,711,938	na	*10,901,013*	*10,971,489*
Sales to Pipelines	16,075,018	na	*16,348,831*	*16,333,695*

Unemployment Rate

Houma



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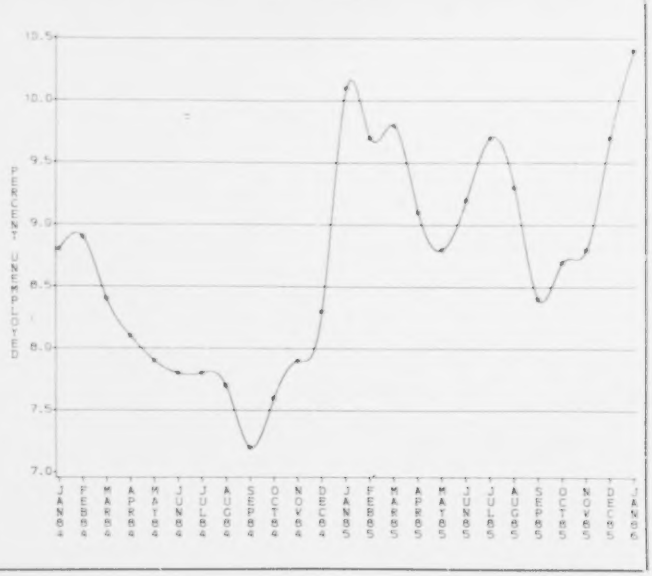


extent on the activities in the mining sector. Since the outlook for this industry is not optimistic, the local economy will face uncertainties during the next few months.

Houma/Thibodaux

The Houma/Thibodaux economy also declined in January. Total employment dropped 3.6 percent since January 1985. The unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, was 12.4 percent, compared with 10.8 percent in December. Only 23 metropolitan areas out of a total of 245 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than Houma/Thibodaux in December (Table 1, Column 8). Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 2,200 workers in January. Employment declined in all the major sectors of the economy except finance, insurance and real estate. Employment dropped by 1,900 workers with January 1985.

Retail sales taxes reported in December increased 8.8 percent since November and they were 4.0 percent above the level of a year ago. The value of construction contracts increased moderately since the prior month but it was below the level of December 1984. The outlook suggests that the metropolitan economy will be sluggish during the next few months.

Alexandria

The metropolitan economy also improved in January. The seasonally adjusted total employment increased 3.9 percent since December and it was 0.2 percent above the level of January 1985. The unemployment rate, also seasonally adjusted, was 10.4 percent compared with 9.8 percent in December. Out of a total of 245 metropolitan areas in the United States, only 35 had a higher unemployment rate than Alexandria in December (Table 1, Column 8).

Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 500 workers since December. The decline in employment was mainly in the retail trade, construction, and finance, insurance, and real estate sectors. Employment in December increased by 800 compared to a year ago.

Retail sales taxes reported in December increased 1.1 percent since the prior month, but declined 0.4 percent since December 1984. The value of construction contracts, which is another indicator of the local economy, dropped sharply in December. The Alexandria economy should grow moderately during the next few months.

Shreveport

The Shreveport economy improved in January. The seasonally adjusted total employment increased 0.4 percent since the prior month but decreased 3.7 percent since January 1985. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 11.3 percent unchanged since December. Only 12 metropolitan areas out of a total of 245 had a higher unemployment rate than Shreveport in December (Table 1, Column 8). Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 1300 workers in January. Employment dropped in all the major sectors except manufacturing and government, where it was unchanged.

The Shreveport Leading Indicator declined 1.8 percent following declines since January 1985. This suggests an uncertain outlook for the metropolitan economy during the next several months.

Retail sales reported in December were 4.8 percent lower than in the previous month and 0.2 percent below the level of a year ago. The value of construction contracts, which is another indicator of the Shreveport economy, dropped sharply in December. The metropolitan economy has suffered a major decline during the past year, and it may take several months before it recovers to its former level.

Monroe

The metropolitan economy declined in January. The seasonally adjusted total employment decreased 2.3 percent since December but was 0.7 percent higher than the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 10.3 percent, compared with 10.1 percent in December. Out of a total of 245 metropolitan areas in the United States, only 28 had a higher unemployment rate than Monroe in November (Table 1, Column 8).

Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 1,800 in January. The decline in employment was primarily in the retail trade and the government sectors.

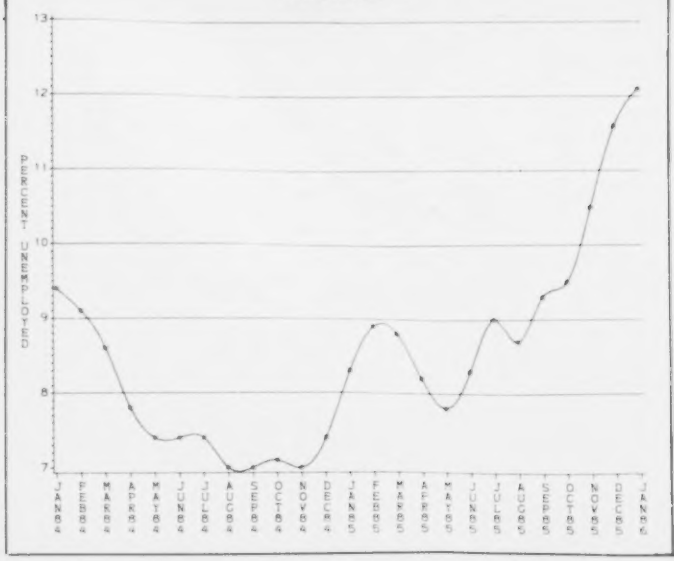
Retail sales taxes reported in December decreased 1.4 percent compared to the previous month and decreased 7.0 percent compared with December 1984. Other business indicators, such as the value of construction contracts, increased. The number of airline passengers also increased in December. The outlook suggests the metropolitan economy will experience moderate growth during the next few months.

Louisiana's Metropolitan Areas

	Shreveport				Monroe			
			Forecasts				Forecasts	
	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86	Mar 86	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86	Mar 86
• Employment & Unemployment •								
Employment & Wage Statistics								
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	167.8	166.6	*166.1*	*165.8*	68.4	66.6	*66.6*	*67.0*
Total Employed (000)	148.4	146.4	*144.4*	*145.7*	61.7	59.3	*60.0*	*59.8*
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	410.29	373.24	*426.98*	*437.24*				
Average Weekly Mfg Hours	39.3	36.7	*40.1*	*39.5*				
Unemployment Statistics								
Total Unemployed (000)	19.4	20.2	*21.7*	*20.1*	6.7	7.3	*6.6*	*7.2*
Unemployment Rate	11.6	12.1	*13.1*	*12.1*	9.8	11.0	*9.9*	*10.8*
• General Business Activity •								
Revenue Collections								
Retail Sales Tax-State	5,794,801	7,172,638	*6,023,661*	*5,891,616*	2,726,231	3,626,253	*2,957,773*	*2,933,587*
Severance Tax	2,363,779	na	*2,226,594*	*2,586,280*	242,798	na	*175,659*	*196,034*
Minimum Royalty	76,399	98,125	*100,729*	*96,647*	2,068	2,333	*3,298*	*2,927*
Airport Activity								
Passengers	29,383	na	*27,593*	*31,861*	8,876	8,397	*7,471*	*8,441*
Cargo	3,132,602	na	*2,626,736*	*2,737,946*	31,295	25,545	*28,705*	*26,688*
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)								
Residential	7.4	na	*14.5*	*15.5*	3.9	na	*4.2*	*4.8*
Non-Residential	6.0	na	*14.7*	*14.7*	16.2	na	*5.0*	*5.6*
Number of Building Permits								
Residential Building	79	na	*141*	*138*	39	na	*59*	*59*
Commercial & Industrial	64	na	*85*	*85*	34	na	*30*	*40*
Value of Building Permits								
Residential building	4,105,540	na	*6,125,366*	*6,048,611*	2,719,700	na	*3,467,791*	*3,478,160*
Commercial & Industrial	3,519,318	na	*7,206,710*	*7,138,527*	10,605,520	na	*3,659,107*	*3,742,296*
New Car/Truck Sales								
Total New Cars	709	1,526	*1,130*	*1,130*	381	663	*564*	*569*
Total New Trucks	329	578	*526*	*528*	200	392	*353*	*357*
	Nov 85	*Dec 85*	*Jan 86*	*Feb 86*	*Nov 85*	*Dec 85*	*Jan 86*	*Feb 86*
• Gas Activity •								
Gas Activity Report (MCF)								
Field Intake	12,606,160	na	*11,789,306*	*11,583,561*	833,683	na	*788,788*	*785,251*
Pipeline & Other Intake	949,237	na	*1,446,254*	*1,452,665*	30,488	na	*23,106*	*20,420*
Sales to Pipelines	10,489,708	na	*10,488,017*	*10,473,656*	29,568	na	*21,752*	*19,133*

Unemployment Rate

Shreveport



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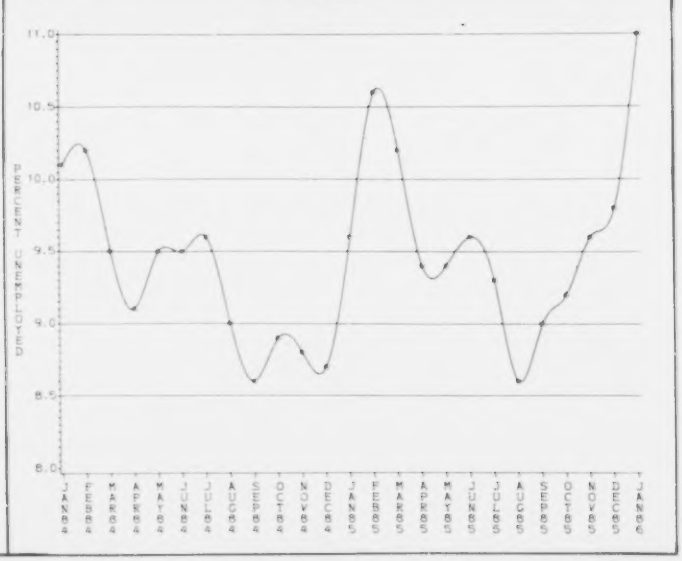

Local Sales Tax Collections

• Cities & Towns	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86
Abbeville	77,840	84,953	*111,358*
Abita Springs	4,918	5,542	*2,890*
Albany	3,777	7,040	*12,267*
Alexandria	449,830	475,613	*608,262*
Amite	59,238	78,088	*81,293*
Angie	440	na	*na*
Arcadia	16,963	13,554	*27,395*
Arnaudville	13,717	17,002	*12,144*
Baker	114,331	133,368	*144,234*
Basile	7,023	8,876	*9,295*
Bastrop	144,009	136,813	*186,944*
Benton	na	na	*na*
Bernice	7,839	6,947	*9,950*
Bogalusa	286,513	308,937	*343,723*
Bonita	na	na	*na*
Bossier	601,056	556,230	*na*
Breaux Bridge	36,844	42,760	*45,683*
Broussard	43,199	38,031	*36,203*
Bunkie	42,736	43,992	*48,368*
Campti	na	na	*na*
Cankton	635	791	*na*
Carencro	24,598	30,711	*25,682*
Church Point	19,558	16,805	*20,320*
Colfax	na	na	*na*
Columbia	9,980	12,496	*na*
Cottonport	6,778	6,739	*7,522*
Cotton Valley	2,000	3,100	*na*
Coushatta	19,514	16,788	*26,889*
Covington	175,323	198,110	*na*
Crowley	158,831	162,003	*204,399*
Cullen	3,256	3,422	*3,626*
Delcambre	9,088	6,492	*9,596*
Delhi	10,414	11,458	*na*
Delta	165	193	*843*
Denham Springs	93,524	93,854	*122,841*
DeQuincy	39,538	21,884	*na*
DeRidder	83,978	82,847	*108,981*
Dixie Inn	7,045	8,969	*6,321*
Donaldsonville	57,365	66,969	*84,940*
Dubach	1,829	1,521	*2,401*
Duson	16,128	17,109	*14,013*
Elizabeth	1,364	1,341	*na*
Elton	3,879	3,296	*na*
Erath	9,347	10,075	*11,663*
Estherwood	634	707	*929*
Eunice	137,802	181,962	*135,426*
Farmerville	22,854	26,815	*30,939*
Ferriday	na	na	*na*
Florien (estimated)	na	na	*na*
Folsom	3,038	2,967	*6,331*
Franklinton	35,367	43,309	*40,132*
Gibsland	1,931	1,808	*na*
Gilbert	1,301	2,124	*866*
Glenmora	3,547	3,263	*5,880*
Gold Meadow	9,979	na	*na*
Gonzales	108,163	115,089	*137,956*
Grambling	6,568	5,318	*6,188*
Gramercy	21,465	15,418	*21,099*
Grand Coteau	2,308	2,141	*2,011*
Greensburg	3,874	5,172	*3,505*

• Cities & Towns	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86
Gueydan	8,515	6,704	*7,896*
Hall Summit	269	489	*na*
Hammond	412,555	381,800	*534,471*
Haughton	4,186	5,470	*5,890*
Haynesville	15,203	19,716	*na*
Henderson	3,535	5,272	*3,730*
Hodge	na	na	*na*
Homer	39,979	na	*na*
Independence	12,543	14,139	*21,850*
Iota	3,485	3,765	*4,104*
Iowa	8,292	5,921	*6,424*
Jeanerette	31,404	38,465	*40,168*
Jennings	80,422	81,901	*95,371*
Jonesbnoro	58,348	66,579	*na*
Kaplan	22,636	21,823	*33,467*
Kentwood	30,307	29,326	*43,735*
Kinder	16,250	18,091	*19,369*
Krotz Springs	4,872	3,937	*5,027*
Lafayette	2,062,088	2,053,100	*2,588,423*
Lake Arthur	20,802	24,803	*26,648*
Lake Charles	602,120	610,238	*na*
Lake Providence	16,303	16,405	*na*
Leesville	85,903	110,998	*na*
Livingston	5,005	15,226	*na*
Lockport	na	na	*na*
Logansport	7,970	2,730	*na*
Loreauville	4,073	3,431	*3,763*
Lutcher	8,985	8,385	*10,827*
Madisonville	5,455	6,080	*3,291*
Mamou	2,428	29,503	*17,436*
Mandeville	89,109	86,222	*106,674*
Mangham	2,420	na	*na*
Mansfield	38,024	41,719	*62,730*
Many	39,006	36,184	*na*
Marksville	45,947	63,057	*58,211*
Maurice	4,300	3,790	*4,260*
Melville	6,111	4,086	*3,686*
Mermentau	1,113	648	*973*
Mer Rouge	4,881	2,754	*na*
Merryville	2,135	1,431	*2,340*
Minden	178,276	171,203	*na*
Monroe	1,134,561	1,308,813	*1,771,135*
Mooringsport	2,026	1,339	*na*
Moreauville	2,663	2,556	*1,845*
Morgan City	47,746	61,845	*na*
Morganza	na	na	*na*
Morse	1,351	4,253	*1,296*
Napoleonville	4,600	4,386	*8,966*
Natchitoches	202,258	227,698	*285,691*
New Iberia	353,840	349,213	*470,872*
New Llano	3,778	6,520	*4,606*
New Orleans	na	na	*na*
New Orleans RTA	na	na	*na*
New Roads	33,600	42,387	*na*
Oakdale	39,551	40,102	*46,492*
Oak Grove	20,325	20,120	*26,811*
Oberline	4,216	7,218	*5,115*
Oil City	28,062	14,183	*na*
Opelousas	226,256	241,383	*285,520*
Parks	3,921	3,921	*3,592*

Local Sales Tax Collections

• Cities & Towns	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86
Pearl River	4,841	7,275	*na*
Pine Prairie	6,123	3,521	*na*
Pineville	85,987	89,516	*108,883*
Plain Dealing	9,769	3,674	*9,416*
Plaucheville	622	762	*540*
Plasant Hill	1,489	na	*na*
Pollock	na	na	*na*
Ponchatoula	61,017	70,344	*82,155*
Port Allen	na	na	*na*
Port Barre	5,448	na	*na*
Rayne	62,921	77,677	*77,677*
Rayville	40,432	39,284	*56,709*
Richmond	na	na	*na*
Ringgold	na	na	*na*
Roseland	4,467	4,680	*7,407*
Rosepine	2,089	1,918	*na*
Sarepta	2,065	1,149	*1,505*
Scott	54,338	61,761	*74,247*
Shreveport	3,062,053	3,082,650	*na*
Sibley	721	1,188	*1,628*
Simmesport	7,417	7,550	*6,888*
Slidell	237,190	229,840	*309,090*
Sorrento	2,287	2,255	*na*
Springfield	3,705	3,255	*4,450*
Springhill	40,466	38,608	*60,084*
St Francisville	14,834	23,023	*na*
St Martinville	30,140	32,828	*38,970*
Sterlington	4,595	6,829	*na*
Sulphur	253,580	240,556	*265,399*
Sun	1,794	775	*na*
Sunset	6,749	7,524	*6,605*
Tallulah	21,953	22,965	*na*
Tangipahoa	2,171	2,444	*2,188*
Thibodaux	204,165	219,484	*na*
Tickfaw	5,562	3,820	*na*
Vidalia	na	na	*na*
Ville Platte	76,189	94,901	*104,751*
Vinton	22,536	20,933	*23,448*
Vivian	27,360	28,456	*na*
Walker	na	na	*na*
Washington	3,125	4,012	*3,488*
Welsh	13,896	14,147	*13,201*
West Monroe	259,434	267,208	*330,051*
Westlake	46,216	58,482	*53,928*
Winnsboro	43,856	43,245	*59,873*
Wisner	5,271	5,346	*7,957*
Youngsville	14,338	12,126	*9,543*
Zachary	148,325	115,743	*134,374*

• School Boards	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86
Acadia	240,501	219,887	*303,505*
Allen	80,260	86,871	*173,758*
Ascension	873,245	749,699	*1,012,837*
Assumption	182,510	166,559	*135,564*
Avoyelles	194,318	176,014	*210,102*
Beauregard	160,901	145,502	*208,154*
Bienville	58,830	98,636	*na*
Bogalusa	98,201	122,104	*na*
Bossier	719,288	678,183	*na*
Caddo	2,686,121	2,537,153	*na*
Calcasieu	1,350,286	1,389,360	*1,513,816*
Caldwell	na	na	*na*
Catahoula	na	na	*na*
Claiborne	72,995	75,525	*93,339*
Concordia	na	na	*na*
Desoto	117,851	121,264	*192,549*
E Baton Rouge	4,583,043	3,645,101	*na*
E Carroll	31,420	38,839	*na*
E Feliciana	150,308	125,226	*na*
Evangeline	218,343	197,292	*240,174*
Franklin	123,762	56,453	*266,107*
Grant	na	na	*na*
Iberia	614,326	809,699	*na*
Iberville	277,692	260,692	*292,228*
Jackson	161,163	165,000	*135,400*
Jefferson Davis	161,769	160,514	*212,517*
Jefferson	5,063,676	5,306,448	*6,628,558*
Lafayette	1,563,017	1,522,701	*1,773,304*
Lafourche	416,628	501,710	*558,314*
Lasalle	80,722	27,979	*128,921*
Lincoln	212,286	225,639	*164,881*
Livingston	518,407	488,102	*640,837*
Madison	67,000	66,000	*71,000*
Monroe	176,702	188,729	*232,964*
Morehouse	111,726	137,171	*173,430*
Natchitoches	173,363	147,680	*265,949*
Orleans	na	na	*na*
Ouachita	288,303	307,927	*na*
Plaquemine	272,922	346,114	*279,390*
Pointe Coupee	79,026	63,800	*88,615*
Red River	49,706	39,106	*44,518*
Richland	33,497	210,714	*na*
Sabine	106,982	83,255	*129,773*
St Bernard	458,281	na	*na*
St Charles	499,287	885,535	*634,470*
St Helena	25,179	17,012	*27,031*
St James	380,180	270,882	*328,009*
St John	511,797	505,923	*645,689*
St Landry	326,569	433,641	*446,761*
St Martin	338,963	185,088	*518,289*
St Mary	429,456	597,295	*na*
St Tammany	1,611,609	1,548,358	*1,495,318*
Tangipahoa	863,540	821,629	*na*
Tensas	31,918	23,515	*na*
Terrebonne	578,090	593,988	*917,868*
Union	71,429	76,876	*93,860*
Vermillion	262,353	333,797	*280,177*
Vernon	177,513	171,226	*213,127*
Washington	171,380	164,831	*152,024*
Webster	215,770	202,561	*254,004*
W Baton Rouge	143,905	113,618	*na*
W Carroll	27,744	30,265	*63,956*
W Feliciana	284,578	234,447	*384,124*
Winn	79,886	74,908	*94,479*

Local Sales Tax Collections

• Police Juries	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86
Acadia	239,231	219,526	*300,531*
Ascension	297,678	304,247	*303,904*
Assumption	91,505	83,611	*67,811*
Caldwell	na	na	*na*
Catahoula	na	na	*na*
Claiborne	15,498	15,865	*18,149*
Concordia	na	na	*na*
E Baton Rouge	5,606,070	7,382,962	*6,272,651*
Iberville	277,776	257,891	*292,241*
Jefferson	8,009,763	8,358,040	*10,562,893*
Lafayette	337,242	304,534	*286,810*
Lafourche	147,269	179,064	*200,872*
Lincoln	159,203	169,229	*123,661*
Madison	20,114	23,411	*na*
Morehouse	55,855	94,551	*83,792*
Ouachita	258,671	262,945	*na*
Plaquemine	272,922	346,114	*279,290*
Pointe Coupee	94,646	75,982	*101,471*
Rapides	805,433	791,734	*983,859*
Red River	39,068	32,162	*44,533*
St Bernard	458,281	na	*na*
St Charles	246,025	439,027	*315,547*
St Helena	na	na	*na*
St James	159,635	111,621	*131,443*
St Mary	791,052	1,100,220	*na*
St Mary	33,400	49,499	*na*
St Mary	29,618	36,570	*na*
Tensas	27,407	20,945	*20,923*
Terrebonne	963,483	989,980	*1,529,799*
Vermillion	262,347	383,789	*280,183*
Webster	108,105	99,046	*123,947*
W Ascension	59,448	33,391	*39,381*
W Baton Rouge	143,900	113,618	*na*

State Sales Tax Collections

• Parishes	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86
Acadia	406,071	474,483	*496,184*
Allen	72,944	83,354	*125,799*
Ascension	590,239	225,194	*330,690*
Assumption	61,769	57,771	*210,998*
Avoyelles	150,253	148,653	*164,473*
Beauregard	295,629	213,097	*268,327*
Bienville	58,357	42,921	*65,785*
Bossier	922,849	777,149	*907,656*
Caddo	4,839,919	4,699,680	*5,911,304*
Calcasieu	2,475,536	2,676,908	*2,832,676*
Caldwell	45,874	41,314	*47,315*
Cameron	557,568	50,325	*85,426*
Catahoula	48,066	53,296	*58,004*
Claiborne	82,078	92,552	*86,840*
Concordia	131,735	123,162	*150,278*
DeSoto	149,238	163,496	*162,950*
E Baton Rouge	7,901,124	7,505,042	*9,914,717*
E Carroll	47,818	55,256	*51,751*
E Feliciana	61,312	50,714	*76,946*
Evangeline	159,674	154,465	*142,411*
Franklin	92,239	94,844	*101,162*
Grant	20,735	13,905	*27,198*
Iberia	814,296	784,036	*889,584*
Iberville	407,599	344,123	*320,514*
Jackson	72,173	76,375	*78,199*
Jefferson	8,149,980	8,947,337	*10,490,952*
Jefferson Davis	208,881	200,203	*220,040*
Lafayette	3,975,026	4,180,302	*4,589,782*
Lafourche	556,978	633,965	*634,952*
Lasalle	83,241	91,308	*75,205*
Lincoln	396,980	552,494	*454,059*
Livingston	301,697	248,924	*256,175*
Madison	63,547	50,490	*64,363*
Morehouse	217,220	205,127	*211,267*
Natchitoches	261,864	262,966	*268,822*
Orleans	11,281,098	10,941,486	*13,245,660*
Ouachita	2,547,447	2,521,104	*3,414,986*
Plaquemines	366,385	351,674	*401,023*
Pointe Coupee	76,493	81,716	*92,089*
Rapides	1,564,445	1,589,712	*1,811,734*
Red River	43,625	32,337	*45,666*
Richland	108,767	96,738	*119,516*
Sabine	165,153	92,399	*168,965*
St Bernard	273,007	322,419	*385,225*
St Charles	427,115	245,852	*308,931*
St Helena	12,292	8,536	*25,773*
St James	113,052	110,746	*135,712*
St John	313,554	320,670	*261,664*
St Landry	490,672	487,382	*539,280*
St Martin	236,450	205,463	*251,283*
St Mary	780,661	760,111	*832,881*
St Tammany	1,012,914	1,208,878	*1,405,983*
Tangipahoa	600,104	587,715	*709,463*
Tensas	14,051	21,049	*19,568*
Union	66,820	63,483	*86,621*
Vermillion	279,863	315,183	*324,386*
Vernon	239,004	251,050	*236,380*
Washington	230,176	258,309	*232,392*
Webster	319,945	317,972	*353,678*
W Baton Rouge	159,898	162,392	*136,986*
W Carroll	31,279	36,210	*54,485*
W Feliciana	147,356	119,640	*157,518*
Winn	95,653	111,434	*113,409*
Out of State	23,416,071	24,433,446	*38,053,963*
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